5/8/71

Dear Howard,

As I work my way down through the stack I find your notes of 4/29 and the clips. I don't take time for the clip unless there is point, for I've really no time for much of anything except weariness. But I'm sorry I didn't get to these notes earlier. In the enclosed you know I'll be up 5/13. It doesn't pay to make a trip to Phila for a single show, neither in cost of travel nor in time. As you should realize, the publisher is supposed to take care of this. He hasn't in any single case. Depressing. However, after Jack gets back-and he is one of the greatest of human beings- perhaps he'd care to do an interview and that might be combined with this and/or other appearances. Please call Maury and tell him the date is out but the prospects for the future are very interesting, and also thank him. He, too, is a great guy. You are too young to remember the great things Jack used to do. Maury was his engineer.

I've known for years that Salandria is paranoid. Too bad he still gets attention. I've had terrible times with and over him. We are never in touch anymore, as Lil can't bear for him to come into the house. In some ways foreign to his character he is also a faker, for that is not in other ways his character. He and Garrison, both paranoids, are or at least were extremely close.

No response to Ziegler, Helms letters. I expect something from the Times.

Do not make up your mind on the law. I think today it is one of the more important areas for concerned young people, for there will be greater need for concerned, decent and honest lawyers in the future. Also, a wide variety of useful careers can flow from this training that do not involve actual practise. There are aspects, once you get through what you call the shit, that I think you would find fascinating and rewarding. If history can be a prep for it, be sure to have all the other prerequisites, for unless you elect to follow some science, I think, in the long run, the law may hold the greatest gratification for you. I've wished many times I'd gone that way.

There is almost nothing for which tedius preparation is not prerequisite. Thus the law is no exception. There is likewise nothing from which one canx go in as many directions If you can,why not try and include good lit courses with the history? The combination could be great in legal writing. And you write well. I'd also like you to consider that unless you have some great technical drive, you have not yet had enough experience in life to understand which of the arts speciaties you might enjoy most in the future. From what I know of you, I am inclined to agree with your father's judgement. I think you'd make a good lawyer who could enjoy being a good lawyer and the opportunities for doing solically useful service as a lawyer. The crookeder life gets, the more challenging it is for a lawyer and the more he is needed. The real problem with the most challenging cases is to get paid or adequately paid. But the law and lawyers are in great ferment today. Don't foreclose it.

Much catching up ahead. See you soon, perhaps Friday.

Best,